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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/645,651	Applicant(s) SCHNEIDER ET AL.	
	Examiner Joseph D. Pape	Art Unit 3612	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-12 and 16-53 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9, 10 and 21-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 12, 16-20 and 53 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 47 and 48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7 and 49-52 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims 9, 10, and 21-46 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 4/22/04. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3 and 47-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brown, Jr.

Brown, Jr. discloses the claimed invention including visor 2 having two visor panels 21, 22, rod member 8, first mount 4, and deflecting elements 23, 24. The deflecting element 23, 24 comprising a releasable catch mechanism (clasp 23 and latch 24) permits each visor panel to be “deflected out of a trajectory of the

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overhead airbag (5) upon activation without fragmenting the visor panel or separating the sun visor assembly from the vehicle”.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 9/9/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the sun visor of Brown, Jr. “is not deflected, but rather opens to deliver the airbag”. This is not persuasive because claims 1 and 47 recites that a sun visor panel is deflected and the sun visor of Brown, Jr. is considered to include two sun visor panels 21, 22 that are each “deflected out of a trajectory of the overhead airbag (5) upon activation without fragmenting the visor panel or separating the sun visor assembly from the vehicle”.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4-7 and 49-52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 11-12 16-20 and 53 are allowed.

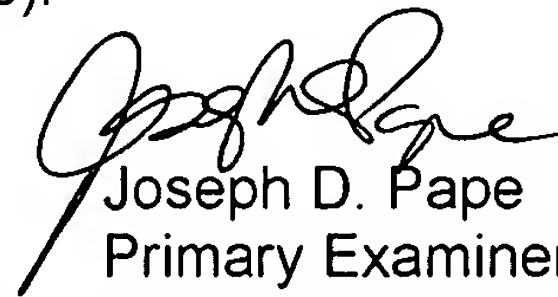
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Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph D. Pape whose telephone number is (703) 308-3426. The examiner can normally be reached on Tues.-Fri. (6:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on (703) 308-3102. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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